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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2011.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 and 25-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 and 25-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on March 14, 2011. Claims 1, 8, 13, 18, 19, 20-23, 25, 26, 30, and 34 have been amended. Claims 1-23 and 25-37 are presented for examination. Claims 1-23 and 25-37 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-23 and 25-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hwang et al. (US Pub 2004/0246851).

As per claims 1, 8, 13, 18, 19, 20-23, 25, 26, 30, and 34 Hwang et al. discloses a recording apparatus for recording second information on a write-once recording medium having first information recorded thereon, the recording apparatus comprising:

a host apparatus (Fig. 11, item 29); and

a drive apparatus (Fig. 11, item 21), wherein the host apparatus includes a storage section for storing the second information (wherein it is readily apparent that the data is to be recorded from the host storage system); and

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an instruction section (See Fig. 11, item 23) for transferring a first file structure (Fig. 4, DMA#1) of the first information (Fig. 8, information of spare area #1) from the write-once recording medium to the first memory, generating a second file structure Fig. 4, DMA#2) for the second information (Fig. 4, spare area #2) based on the first file structure and instructing the drive apparatus to record the stored second information on the write-once recording medium (See Fig. 12A and 12B and their corresponding written description on paragraphs 0096 and 0104-0106),

and wherein the drive apparatus includes

a generation section (See Fig. 12B, step 43 and Fig. 11, item 28) for generating correlation information for correlating a first address information of the first file structure and a second address information of the second file structure (See Fig. 7, wherein the starting and ending address information are correlated so that the system can determine which one is the starting and ending);

a head section (See Fig. 11, wherein the head is writing to the write once disk 22) for recording the second information on the write-once recording medium; and

a control section (See Fig. 11, the control section is attached to the head) for controlling the head section to record the second information and the correlation information on the write-once recording medium. See Fig. 12B, step 41.

As per claims 2, 9, and 14, Hwang et al. discloses a recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first information includes file management information, the second information includes update information generated by updating the file

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management information, the generation section generates first correlation information for correlating the file management information and the update information and the control section controls the head section to record the update information and the first correlation information on the write-once recording medium. See paragraphs 0059 and 0063.

As per claims 3, 6, 10, and 15, Hwang et al. discloses a recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the write-once recording medium includes at least one first track (Fig. 4, lead-in area) and at least one second track (Fig. 4, data area) which is different from the at least one first track, the at least one first track is an area for recording the file management information and the at least one second track is an area for recording user data. See Fig. 2 and Fig. 4, wherein the lead-in area is in a different track compares to the user data area. See paragraph 0057. Although a track is not shown, it is readily apparent to one having an ordinary skill in the art to recognize that the manufactured disk contains plurality of tracks for lead-in area to store the required data information.

As per claims 4, 11, and 16, Hwang et al. discloses a recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the host apparatus further includes an obtaining section for obtaining last location information indicating a last location of information recorded on the write-once recording medium (See Fig. 7, ending location); and

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a determination section (See Fig. 11, item 28) for determining a recording location of data based on the last location information (See paragraph 0087), and

the control section controls the head section such that the head section records the data at the recording location. See paragraph 0083, wherein it is readily apparent that the header control section has to move the head so that data can be record to disk.

As per claims 5, 12, and 17, Hwang et al. discloses a recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first information further includes management information (See paragraph 0059, lines 10-17), the management information managing the file management information, the second information includes first update information generated by updating the management information and the generation section generates second correlation information for correlating the management information and the first update information, the control section controls the head section to record the first update information and the second correlation information on the write-once recording medium. See paragraphs 0095-0096.

As per claims 6 and 15, Hwang et al. discloses a recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the write-once recording medium includes at least one first track and at least one second track which is different from the at least one first track, the at least one first track is an area for recording the file management information and the at least one second track is an area for recording user data. See Fig. 2, wherein the lead-in area is in a different track compares to the user data area. See paragraph 0057.

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Although a track is not shown, it is readily apparent to one having an ordinary skill in the art to recognize that the manufactured disk contains plurality of tracks for lead-in area to store the required data information.

As per claim 7, Hwang et al. discloses a recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the host apparatus further includes an obtaining section for obtaining last location information indicating a last location of information recorded on the write-once recording medium (See Fig. 7, ending location); and

a determination section for determining a recording location of data based on the last location information (See Fig. 7, ending location, wherein the information is provided so that the controller can detect the last location), and

the control section controls the head section such that the head section records the data at the recording location. See Fig. 8, control section connects to the head to write to the media 22.

As per claims 27 and 35, Hwang et al. discloses a reproducing apparatus, wherein the first information includes file management information, the second information includes update information generated by updating the file management information, the generation section generates first correlation information for correlating the file management information and the update information and the control section controls the head section to reproduce the update information and the first correlation

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information on the write-once recording medium. See paragraphs 0059, 0063 and 0089.

As per claims 28, 32, and 36, Hwang et al. discloses a reproducing apparatus, wherein the write-once recording medium includes at least one first track (Fig. 4, lead-in area) and at least one second track (Fig. 4, data area) which is different from the at least one first track, the at least one first track is an area for reproducing the file management information and the at least one second track is an area for recording user data. See Fig. 2 and Fig. 4, wherein the lead-in area is in a different track compares to the user data area. See paragraphs 0057 and 0089. Although a track is not shown, it is readily apparent to one having an ordinary skill in the art to recognize that the manufactured disk contains plurality of tracks for lead-in area to store the required data information.

As per claims 29 and 37 Hwang et al. discloses a reproduction apparatus, wherein the first information further includes management information, the management information managing the file management information, the second information includes first update information generated by updating the management information, second correlation information for correlating the management information and the first update information is recorded on the write-once recording medium and the control section controls the head section to reproduce the first update information from the write-once

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recording medium based on the second correlation information. See paragraphs 0089 and 0095-0096.

As per claims 31, Hwang et al. discloses a host apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the first information includes file management information and the second information includes update information generated by updating the file management information. See paragraphs 0059 and 0063.

As per claim 33, Hwang et al. discloses a host apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the first information further includes management information, the management information managing the file management information and the second information includes first update information generated by updating the management information. See paragraphs 0059 and 0063.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed March, 14, 2011 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Examiner has correspondingly updated the rejections of the amended claims as shown above. All claims that are depending directly or indirectly to the independent claims are also rejected.

Conclusion

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Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh D. Vo whose telephone number is (571)272-0708. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reginald G. Bragdon can be reached on 571-272-4204. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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